

## Rapid Response Questions/Answers

1. Is it possible to post answers to questions on your website prior to the prebid conference, particularly those that relate to the page count and/or proposal content?

If possible, yes.

2. **C.6.11 and L.16, Certified Industrial Hygienist.** This section states that the CIH must have a minimum of 3 years of working experience in the chemical or hazardous waste disposal industry. We suggest revising the language to be similar to the Program Manager's, Operations Manager's, and Project Manager's qualifications: i.e., "A minimum of 3 years working experience in HTRW response or the hazardous waste disposal industry."

Noted, no change.

3. **Attachment 6, Past Experience Form.** To accommodate for more narrative information, may this form be reformatted as long as the headings remain the same?

The Past Experience Form may be used as a guide. The offeror shall provide all of the information requested on the attachment. \*\*\*\*\*MAKE SURE IT'S IN 2 PAGE FORMAT\*\*

4. DACA45-03-R-0022; Section J, Attachment 6, Previous Experience Form – Can we modify the form as long as we provide the same information in the same order required?

See Question 3 above.

5. Where we are submitting the same Previous Experience projects as used on the USACE Omaha District Environmental Remediation Services (ERS) procurement, will Omaha USACE consider referencing the Client Past Performance Survey forms our customers completed and submitted for ERS rather than requiring our customers to complete and submit a new survey form? Further, if Omaha USACE agrees that our customers are not required to submit new survey forms, we suggest including in Volume I, Section II, Tab 1 a survey form on which we provide the contract name, number, and reference information so Omaha can easily locate the ERS survey form

See amendment. The offeror shall provide all information requested in the form Previous Experience form.

The offeror may not use the Previous Experience form from the recent USACE Omaha District ERS proposal submittal surveys, since the information requested in the surveys for Rapid Response and ERS are different.

If the Offeror decides to use the same project to submit a proposal submittal under one or all three of the Omaha District Rapid Response Contracts, the Offeror may indicate this at the top of their Owner/Client Past Performance Survey. This should be done at the top of the survey stating all applicable Rapid Response solicitation numbers and project numbers.

6. Please confirm Volume I, Section II, Tab 1 - Past Performance Project Narrative with Point of Contact solely contains Section J, Attachment 7 Owner/Client Past Performance Survey forms, with point of contact information completed, that are associated with each Section J, Attachment 6 Previous Experience Form,

Yes.

7. **Attachment 6, Past Experience Form.** Please clarify what is requested under “% of work (\$) prime contractor on all total tier 2 subcontracts, purchase orders, and other direct costs including indirect rates.” If we were the prime contractor, should this include tier 1 subcontracts as well? Should this number not include the self-performed labor and equipment that is included in the question above?

See amendment.

8. Reference Attachment 6, page J-12, item which states “percent of work (\$) prime contractor on all total tier 2 subcontracts, purchase orders, and other direct costs including indirect rates.” Are you asking for the percentage and dollars that were subcontracted to tier 2 subcontractors by tier 1 subcontractors?

See amendment.

9. **Attachment 6, Past Experience Form.** This form requests a breakdown of small business goals and actuals. As a small business, we do not have small business goals on our contracts, and therefore, we do not track this information. Since DACA45-03-R-0022 is a small business set-aside contract, would the government consider deleting this requirement from this form?

Not applicable. See amendment.

10. **Attachment 9, Sample Problem, and L.15.3, Table 1.** Attachment 9 states that the outline technical approach should be 15 pages or less. Table 1 states that the maximum page limit for the technical proposal is 20 pages. Please clarify.

See amendment.

11. **Section J, Attachment 9, 1. Proposed Technical Approach to Problem Resolution** – The first paragraph stipulates a fifteen (15) page limitation for this section. **Section L, Instructions, Conditions, and Notices to Offerors, 15.3, Table 1-Proposal Format** indicates that the page limit for the Technical Approach is twenty (20) pages. Please clarify.

See amendment.

12. Section L, subsection 16 (Volume Content), Volume II, Section II, Tab 2 – Proposal for Sample Problem & Assumptions (page L-27) has three paragraphs. Paragraph (a) asks us to provide assumptions, (b) asks for costs and backup for all tasks, and (c) asks for explanation of how fee/profit is calculated. Table 1 – Proposal Format (page L-14) allows 20 pages for the ‘Technical Approach’ and 20 pages for ‘Proposal’. We assume that the 20 pages for Technical Approach on the table equate directly with the requirements of paragraph (a) requesting assumptions and that the 20 pages for Proposal on the table

equate directly with paragraphs (b) and (c) requesting information on costs, backup, and fee. Is this correct?

Yes.

13. If it is correct, paragraph (a) requesting assumptions refers to Attachment 9 (Sample Task) of Section J which says to provide an outline of a proposed response and specifies the information to be included. However, Attachment 9, Section J specifies 15 pages for the outline rather than 20. Please clarify.

See amendment.

14. Section J, Attachment 9 Sample Problem reads as though 15 pages are allotted to the outline and 5 pages to the narrative, which does not align with Section L 153. Please confirm Volume II, Section II, Tab 2 - Proposal for Sample Problem & Assumptions is allotted 20 pages with no further page allocation restrictions.

See amendment.

15. Section J, Attachment 9 states there is a 15-page limit for the sample problem outline, while Table 1 shows a 20-page limit. Will you please define the page limit for this section?

See amendment.

16. Section J, Attachment 9 Sample Problem Pricing Proposal states, "It shall not exceed 20 pages (excluded from page count)." Please confirm the 20-page exclusion is from the Technical Approach page count but the Pricing Proposal counts toward the total 122 proposal pages.

See amendment.

17. Section 15.2 (Page Limitation) specifies that the maximum length for a large business concern is 149 pages. Table 1 (Proposal Format) of Section 15.3 (Format) also identifies 149 pages as the maximum number for a large business with 20 of those pages allocated to 'Proposal' in Volume II, Section II - Cost Information and Assumptions. We have assumed that 'Proposal' refers to the information requested in Section L, Volume II, Tab 2 - Proposal for Sample Problem & Assumptions, paragraphs (b) and (c) where paragraph (b) says to provide costs and backup for the sample task. Section J, Attachment 9, which defines the information requirements for the sample task, says to prepare an outline of 15 pages or less and to prepare an estimate which doesn't exceed 20 pages. It further says that the estimate is excluded from the page count. Are the 20 excluded pages in Section J, Attachment 9 the same 20 pages listed under 'Proposal' in Table 1 (Proposal Format) which are included in the total page count of 149? Please clarify.

See amendment.

18. **Attachment 9, Sample Problem, Pricing Proposal.** The fifth bullet states that the pricing proposal shall not exceed 20 pages and is excluded from the page count. This contradicts L.15.3, Table 1. Please clarify.

See amendment.

19. **L.8, Evaluation of Compensation for Professional Employees and L.13, Identification of Uncompensated Overtime.** These sections state that we are to submit a total compensation plan and a copy of our policy addressing uncompensated overtime as part of our proposal. In which section should these be submitted? We request that these be excluded from the page count, as these can be somewhat lengthy documents.

See amendment. The compensation plan will be excluded from the page count. It should be submitted in Volume II, Section I, Tab 4.

20. Section L, subsection 8 - Evaluation of Compensation for Professional Employees (page L-6) states that "as part of their proposals, offerors will submit a total compensation plan setting forth salaries and fringe benefits proposed for professional employees who will work under this contract....". However, this plan is not mentioned in Section L, subsection 16 (Volume Content) or in Section M (Evaluation Factors for Award). Is a compensation plan required to be submitted with the proposal? If yes, where should it be placed and, if required, we request that it be excluded from the page count.

See amendment.

21. **L.15.1, Proposal Format.** "The entire proposal shall be limited to one hundred twenty-two (122) consecutively numbered pages, maximum." We interpret this to mean that we do not number the pages in Volume II, Section I (or any excluded pages), and that the page numbers for Volume II, Section II will start after the last page number from Volume I (i.e., Page 83). Is this interpretation correct?

Yes.

22. **L.15.1(d), Proposal Format.** This paragraph states "List of tables/figures, Volume number, section and date submitted shall appear in the bottom right corner of each page (along with the revision number for the amended page, if necessary)." We suggest the following change:

"(d) List of tables/figures

(e) Volume number, section and date submitted shall appear in the bottom right corner of each page (along with the revision number for the amended page, if necessary)"

~~Noted, no change.~~ See Amendment 0002 as noted in Question 169.

23. **L.15.2, Page Limitation.** May a font smaller than 12 point be used for charts, graphs, figures, and example documents as long as it is legible?

See amendment.

24. Is it permissible to use a smaller font for charts, graphs, figures, etc. to accommodate a "make to fit" software capability as Omaha District has allowed on previous recent proposals, as long as the text is legible and easily read?

See amendment.

25. Will you please define the margin requirements for the proposal?

See amendment. Minimum page margins are one-inch (1") on the top, bottom, left, and right sides.

26. **L.15.2, Page Limitation and L.15.3, Table 1.** The note in L.1.2 states that the Representations and Certifications are excluded from the page count, but Table 1 states that all of Volume II, Section I (SF33, Reps & Certs, and Federally Approved Audit Agency) are "N/A" as far as maximum page limit. Please clarify.

See amendment.

27. DACA45-03-R-0022, Section L, Paragraph 15.2, Page Limitation-Will you please clarify whether the maximum page limit shown on Table 1, Proposal Format, is per volume, per section or per tab, i.e., do we have the flexibility to modify the page limitation within Volume I, Section I, as long as we do not exceed the total pages allocated (68 pages) for Section I, Tabs 1, 2, and 3? Or do we have flexibility to allocate pages as long as we do not exceed the page limit per volume, i.e., 82 pages for Volume I and 40 pages for Volume II? Flexibility would be greatly appreciated, as we need to address many different requirements within the various sections.

Maximum pages listed are per Tab.

28. **L.16, Volume I, Section I, Tab 2 (a) and (b).** Both paragraphs (a) and (b) state "Organizational structure of the submitting firm or proposed team." If we are submitting as a team, are we to provide two separate discussions for the submitting firm and the team? Or should paragraph (a) state "Organizational structure of the submitting firm (only applicable if no teaming or joint venture is proposed)"?

The Government expects one organizational structure whether operating as a prime, team, or joint venture.

29. DACA45-03-R-0022, Section L, Paragraph 16, Volume I, Section I, Tab 2, Organizational Structure – The title of this section indicates that we need to describe the organizational structure of the submitting firm or proposed team. Does this mean that we need to address only one of the two subparagraphs under this tab, i.e., subparagraph a. (for submitting firm) or subparagraph b. (for proposed team)?

See Question #28 above.

30. **Section L:Volume I, Section I, Tab 1** - Summary of Previous Experience (L-15) indicates that the Past Performance Form is to be used in this section and that the offeror may provide additional narrative within the specified page count. Can you clarify which form is to be used in this section (Attachment 6 - Previous Experience Form or Attachment 7 - Owner/Client Past Performance Survey) Q. If Attachment 6 is the appropriate form, should the narrative be presented under Line Item 7 - Describe the Offeror's Primary Role/Duties?

Attachment 6-Previous Experience Form should be used in Volume I, Section I, Tab 1.

31. **L.16, Volume I, Section II, Tab 1 – Past Performance Project Narrative With Points of Contact.** Please clarify what is required to be submitted in this section. We understand that Attachment 7 is to be completed by our clients and sent directly to Pat Overgaard, and that these do not count as part of our proposal pages. Is the 14 pages maximum for this section just for the narrative of our past performance? If so, we request that the page limitation in this section be reduced (suggested: 5), and the page limitation in Volume I, Section I, Tab 1 (Previous Experience) be expanded (suggested: 23 pages) so that we can provide a narrative introduction and expand our descriptions on the Attachment 6 forms to meet the Section L.16 and M.8.1.1 requirements.

See amendment. The Owner/Client Past Performance Survey and the Previous Experience Form are included in the page count.

For Small Business Set-Aside: DACA45-03-R-0022:

The 2-page Owner/Client Survey x 7 projects = 14 pages.

The 2-page Previous Experience Form x 7 projects = 14 pages.

For Unrestricted: DACA45-03-R-0023:

The 2-page Owner/Client Survey x 10 projects = 20 pages.

The 2-page Previous Experience Form x 10 projects = 20 pages.

For 8A Set-Aside: DACA45-03-R-0021:

The 2-page Owner/Client Survey x 5 projects = 10 pages.

The 2-page Previous Experience Form x 5 projects = 10 pages.

32. Q. If the project narrative is to be presented in Section I, Tab I, can you clarify what the offeror is to present in Section II, Tab 1 with a 20-page count since the blank owner/client past performance survey forms will not be counted as part of the contractor's proposal pages.

See amendment.

33. Volume I, Section II, Tab 1 - Past Performance Project Narrative with Points of Contact (L-24) states that the offeror use the same or similar format to the Owner/Client Past Performance Survey sample form (Attachment 7). The title of this section uses the word narrative. Does the narrative of the project description go in this section or in Section I, Tab 1?

The Owner/Client Past Performance Survey goes in Volume I, Section II, Tab 1.

The Previous Experience Form goes in Volume I, Section I, Tab 1.

The Project Narrative description should be included in the Previous Experience Form.

34. Section L, subsection 16 (Volume Content), Volume I, Section II, Tab 1 – Past Performance Narrative with Points of Contact (page L-24) directs us (paragraph a) to provide past performance information for each project listed in Vol. I, Sec. I, Tab 1 and says to use the same or similar format to the Owner/Client Past Performance Survey sample from RFP Attachment J. On this two page form we complete the top and send it to the Owner/Client who then completes the evaluation and returns it directly to the Government. Paragraph (b) states that the survey pages will not be counted in the page count. The instructions for this section seem to require nothing other than the Owner/Client survey forms which it excludes from the page count, yet Table 1 – Proposal Format (page L-14) allows 20 pages for this section. Please clarify.

See amendment.

35. **Volume I, Section I, Tab 3 – Personnel: Resumes of Key Personnel for This Contract.** Neither paragraph (a) or (b) lists the Project Manager as a key position. Also, Paragraph b states that we are to "Include by name on a simplified organizational chart the key personnel responsible for Accounting/Procurement/Contract Administration Official(s), Health & Safety Officer and Chemistry/Regulatory Official(s). The offeror shall include a brief resume of these personnel that are anticipated to be used on this contract." There is also a separate list of personnel (including the Project Manager), which were identified as Key Personnel in C.6. Is it the offeror's discretion to provide resumes of who we believe are key personnel, provided we do not exceed the page count?

See amendment.

36. Section L, subsection 16 (Volume Content), Volume I, Section I, Tab 3 – Personnel: Resumes of Key Personnel for this Contract (Page I-17) requires the submittal of resumes of key personnel. Paragraph (a) asks for resumes of key management personnel and specifies two positions – Program Manager and Rapid Response Operations Manager. Paragraph (b) asks for resumes of key technical personnel and specifies Accounting/Procurement/Contract Administration Official(s), Health and Safety Officer, and Chemistry/Regulatory Official(s). However, this instruction section in the RFP also contains a list of personnel not specified in either the (a) or (b) paragraphs such as Project Manager, Site Health and Safety Officers, and a variety of UXO personnel. Should we provide resumes for any or all of these positions such as, for example, Project Managers who will be key management personnel for task order performance?

See amendment.

37. DACA45-03-R-0022, Section L, Paragraph 16, Volume I, Section I, Tab 3, Resumes – Subparagraphs a. and b. request resumes for various key management and technical personnel, but don't request resumes for all of the positions identified in the position descriptions (1) through (13). Do we need to provide resumes for just the positions requested in subparagraphs a. and b. or do you want resumes for all 13 of the positions identified in the position descriptions?

See amendment.

38. **Section L, Volume I, Section I, Tab 3 - Personnel: Resumes of Key Personnel for this Contract** - Please clarify which positions are designated as Key Personnel. Project Managers are not included in the list of key technical personnel for which brief resumes are requested. Also the Ordnance and Explosives Center Of Expertise Data Item Description for Personnel/Work Standards (DID OE-025.01) lists the UXO Technician III as a core labor category, not a key labor category. Please clarify.

See amendment.

39. **L.16, Volume II, Section II, Tab 1 – Supplies or Services and Cost/Prices (Section B) and Cost Pool Information.** We request that Section B and cost pool information (if required) be excluded from the page count.

See amendment.

40. In Table 1, there are no pages allocated for Volume II, Section II, Tab 1, *Supplies or Services and Cost/Prices (Section B) & Cost Pool Information*. Will you please identify how many pages we have for this section and whether they are part of or in addition to the 20 (or 40) pages currently allocated?

See amendment.

41. Section L, subsection 16 (Volume Content), Volume II, Section II (page L-27) contains two tabs as follows: Tab 1 – Supplies or Services and Cost/Prices (Section B) & Cost Pool Information; and Tab 2 – Proposal for Sample Problem & Assumptions. Section M, subsection 4 (Proposal Evaluation Criteria-Phase I ) (page M-2) has the same two tabs. RFP Table 1 – Proposal Format (page L-14) does not specifically address Tab 1 and Tab 2 in terms of page count but assigns 20 pages to "Technical Approach" and 20 pages to "Proposal." We assume that the "Technical Approach" and "Proposal" items in Table 1 which are each allotted 20 pages are to be provided in Tab 2. Is this correct? Are Tables 1 and 2 of Section B, which provide prices for fixed price task orders and constitute Tab 1, included or excluded from the page count in Table 1 (page L-14)?

See amendment.

42. Within Volume II, a Technical Approach section is shown on this table, but not reflected in Section L, Paragraph 16, Instructions to Offerors. Additionally, Volume II, Section II, Tab 2a requires the offeror to describe all assumptions used when developing their cost proposal, while Section J, Attachment 9 requires an outline for the Sample Problem. Will you please clarify what you would like in the Technical Approach section, i.e., assumptions, outline, or both?

See amendment.

43. **Section L, Volume II, Section II, Tab 1 - Supplies or Services and Cost/Prices (Section B) & Cost Pool Information:** a. Firm-Fixed-Price Task Orders (Section B). The offeror shall fill out only one Table indicating one loaded rate (excluding profit) for each listed discipline. This table in the RFP is 4 pages in length. Please consider eliminating this table from the page count.

See amendment.



44. **Section L, Volume II Section II, Tab 1, a.** If a blended rate is proposed for a single discipline, would an entry in "Total Base Period Hourly Rate" (column 8) and blanks in all other columns be acceptable? Should an identifier be placed after the discipline to acknowledge that a blended rate was used?

See amendment.

45. DACA45-03-R-0022, Section L, Paragraph 16, Volume II, Section II, Tab 1, Supplies or Services and Cost/Prices – Is it your intent that the offeror use a blended rate for each position where both the prime contractor and team member have personnel included?

See amendment.

46. Section H-18, has language indicating the RFP is a small business set aside RFP -0023 at your EBS web site is indicated to have an OCONUS/Worldwide scope, however the RFP itself does not have OCONUS/Worldwide wording .

See amendment.

47. **Section H. 18. Small Business Size Standard** states "This solicitation is Set-Aside for Small Business." Will this statement be deleted or modified?

See amendment.

48. DACA45-03-R-0022; Section J, Attachment 6, Previous Experience Form – Do SDB/WOB/SB, etc. percentage goals apply in the small business solicitation, or should this be removed from the Previous Experience Form?

See amendment.

49. **Section C:1. Description of Work.** There is no mention of international capabilities regarding coverage of various sites (national only). Was this an unintentional omission given that this is mentioned in the solicitation's general information page of NWO web site.

See amendment.

50. **Section L, 14.3.1 Method of Procurement** states "U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (CENWO-CT) intends to procure this acquisition by use of a Competitive Source Selection Procedure Set-Aside for Small Business Concerns in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Request for Proposal (RFP)." Will this statement be modified to reflect full and open competition?

See amendment.

51. **Section B, Contract Definition** describes this contract to be used in support of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Omaha District (USACE) and its customers located nationwide (Continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. Territories). In **Section C, Description of Work**, the contract is defined as being used for remediation of various hazardous waste sites for national coverage (Continental U.S., Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. Territories). International work is not included in either section. However, this conflicts with the Pre Solicitation notice that stated that National and International capabilities were requested. Please clarify.

See amendment.

52. The sample task seems to fit a general typical scope versus "time sensitive" or "immediate threat to human life" or imminent threats to life and health that would be supported by projects and requirements from some of your clients. Will you consider changing the task ?

Noted, no change.

53. DACA45-03-R-0022; Section J, Attachment 9 Sample Problem – Is the sample problem a rapid response or immediate response project?

The sample problems for DACA45-03-R-0021, DACA45-03-R-0022, and DACA45-03-R-0023 are all considered Rapid Response projects.

54. Section C, subsection 6.3.3. (pages C-11 and C-12) which discusses qualifications of the Program Manager states "Equivalent experience in an engineering related field, construction management, geology, chemistry, or related field". Does this mean equivalent experience in lieu of a degree, years of experience equivalent to the years of a degree in addition to the degree, or something else?

No. The Program Manager should have a college degree and experience.

55. Section C, subsection 6.4.3. (Pages C-12 and C-13) which discusses qualifications of the Operations Manager states "Equivalent experience in an engineering related field, construction management, geology, chemistry or related field". Does this mean equivalent experience in lieu of a degree, years of experience equivalent to the years of a degree in addition to the degree, or something else?

No. The Operations Manager should have a college degree and experience.

56. Will you please define "equivalent experience" for the Program Manager and Operations Manager positions?

See amendment.

57. If a task order's original SOW has been completed but subsequently the task order was modified to include additional SOW elements, can we use the completed SOW elements as a project in Volume I, Section I, Tab 1?

See amendment.

58. Reference Section J, Attachment 9, Sample Problem, page J-21. The 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet under Pricing Proposal Requirements states. "Applicable Davis Bacon or Service Contract Act Wage Rates, as applicable, shall apply (provided). Please clarify whether the sample should be based on Davis Bacon or SCA Wage Rates and please give applicable rates.

The Sample Project is based on Davis-Bacon wage rates. Davis Bacon wage rates apply.

59. Reference Section L.16, Volume I, Section I, Tab 1-Summary of Previous Experience- Rapid Response, HTRW and OE Projects. If an offeror has performed multiple task orders at multiple locations in support of the government for a single related threat (e.g. in response to the anthrax terrorism), can this combined response be considered a single "project," since the response efforts were inter-related?

No.

60. Will you provide information on the relative importance of Phase I (Written Proposal) and Phase II (On-Site Interview)?

See amendment.

61. Section M, subsection 4 (Proposal Evaluation Criteria-Phase I) (page M-4) states that the evaluation criteria below are of equal importance. There are three tiers of criteria listed- section, tab, and subtab. Please clarify to which tier the equal importance statement refers- section, tab, or subtab. For example, taken to the lowest level, it could be inferred that in Section I, Tab 2b is of equal importance to Section I, Tab 1.

See amendment.

62. DACA45-03-R-0022, Section M, Paragraph 4, Proposal Evaluation Criteria-Phase I – Will you please clarify which evaluation criteria are of equal importance, i.e., are factors sections or tabs? Also, within Tab 2, would you provide information as to the importance of the five sub-tabs.

See amendment.

63. Section L, subsection 16 (Volume Content), Volume I, Section I, Tab1 – Summary of Previous Experience – Rapid Response, HTRW, and OE Projects (page L-15) provides the definition of a project for purposes of this proposal. One of the definitions is a specific, completed task order where completed means physically complete and accepted by the customer. On one of our ID/IQ contracts we were issued a task order for a specific SOW which was completed and accepted by the client. Subsequent to completion of the work, the client gave us a totally different SOW for another unrelated project, but rather than issue a new task order, the client issued a modification to the existing task order for the work. Can we use the completed project as one of our examples even though the same task order is being used to perform other unrelated work?

See amendment.

64. **Section B, 5. Pricing** Should pricing for the sample task use actual (current) labor rates or those rates proposed in column 8 of Tables 1 and 2?

Actual costs should be used since the Sample Project calls for a cost-plus-fixed-fee task order.

65. **Section B, Table 1 – Base Period – Firm Fixed Price Task Orders Only** The estimated # of Hours for Base Period (column 9) do not total correctly. Please review.

See amendment.

66. **Section B, Table 2 – Option Period – Firm Fixed Price Task Orders Only** The estimated # of Hours for Base Period (column 9) do not total correctly. Please review. Should the column 8 heading be changed to read "Estimated # of Hours for Option Period"?

See amendment.

67. **Section B, Tables 1 and 2** How should the tables be adjusted to reflect the use of multiple indirect rate structures (home office and field office)?

See amendment.

68. **Section J, Attachment 9, 2. Sample Problem** - How steep are the side slopes on the existing 75,000 cy tailings pile?

Provide assumptions.

69. **Section J, Attachment 9, 2. Sample Problem** - How much of the available 4 acre working surface is consumed by the large tailings pile?

Provide assumptions.

70. **Section J, Attachment 9, 2. Sample Problem** - Is the cumulative volume of the smaller tailings piles that are scattered around the site 2500 to 7500 cubic yards or are there multiple stockpiles that have individual volumes of 2500 to 7500 cubic yards?

Provide assumptions.

71. **Section J, Attachment 9, 2. Sample Problem, Scope of Work** – The scope of work states "The scope for this project involves the characterization of the extent of metals contamination within the settling pond basin and the leach pad." Should characterization also include characterization of the drainage leading out of the settling pond through the breached dam? If characterization of the drainage is required, what is the extent of the drainage area? Does it extend to the stream at the bottom of the 3:1 slope?

Provide assumptions.

72. **Section J, Attachment 9, 2. Sample Problem , Scope of Work** - The scope of work states "The scope for this project involves the characterization of the extent of metals contamination within the settling pond basin and the leach pad." Should characterization also include characterization of the tailings material that has washed or slid off onto the lower slope below the 30 foot terrace?

Provide assumptions.

73. **Section J, Attachment 9, 2. Sample Problem** - Is there a permeability performance criteria that the impermeable cover will have to meet?

Provide assumptions.

74. **Section J, Attachment 9, 2. Sample Problem** - How deep is the bottom of the settlement pond below the existing adjacent working surface and how high are the berms above the adjacent working surface?

Provide assumptions.

75. **Section J, Attachment 9, 2. Sample Problem** - How deep is the bottom of the leach pad below the existing adjacent working surface and how high are the berms above the adjacent working surface?

Provide assumptions.

76. **Section J, Attachment 9, 2. Sample Problem** - After the tailings have been excavated and consolidated, is there adequate material available on site to regrade so that site drainage can be restored to eliminate ponding?

Provide assumptions.

77. **Section J, Attachment 9, 2. Sample Problem** - What kind of vegetation restoration should be assumed for disturbed areas outside of the tailings cap?

Provide assumptions.

78. **Section J, Attachment 9, 2. Sample Problem** - Will the tailings cap be required to be vegetated?

Provide assumptions.

79. **Section J, Attachment 9, 2. Sample Problem** - How many mine shafts should be assumed to be secured from entry?

Provide assumptions.

80. **Section L.15.1.c Proposal Format** requires a Table of Contents and a Cross reference to the solicitation paragraphs. Is the Cross Reference to be included within the TOC as opposed to a separate compliance matrix type document?

The Table of Contents should cross-reference to the RFP Section/Paragraph.

81. **Section L, Volume I, Section I, Tab 2c – Proposed Accounting/Procurement/Contract Administration Program: 2)** requests offerors to provide one example of our daily cost tracking and cost variance. To best demonstrate our experience in this area, it would require several pages of reporting examples. Please consider eliminating these examples from the stringent page limitation for this section.

See amendment.

82. Will you consider excluding the daily cost tracking and cost variance projection reports from the page count? This section is significantly page limited and it would be helpful to have the extra pages.

See amendment.

83. **Section L, Volume I, Section III, Tab 1- Small Business Subcontracting Past Performance** requires that Large Businesses submit their subcontracting compliance on previous projects identified under the "Previous Experience - Rapid Response, HTRW and OE Projects. Since this information is included in the Previous Experience Form, is it necessary to repeat the information in this section as well?"

In the Previous Experience Form the contractor is required to provide subcontracting past performance information for the specific project (which could include a task order.) In Volume I, Section II, Tab 1, the contractor is required to provide past performance on 5 contracts which required a subcontracting plan and are physically complete.

84. **Section L, Volume I, Section III, Tab 1- Small Business Subcontracting Past Performance** The RFP states "the offeror shall provide past performance information on five (5) contracts (within the last three (3) years), which required an approved subcontracting plan and are physically complete. This description shall include as a minimum: the project name; the contract number; the amount of the contract;...." The reference to contracts and projects is conflicting. Most of our contracts do not require tracking and reporting SB performance on Task Order level, but alternatively, require this to be done on a contract level. Please consider revising this requirement to pertain to contracts and not projects.

See amendment.

85. Reference L.16 - Volume I, Section HI, Tab 1 - Small Business Subcontracting Past Performance. Since one or more offeror(s) may not have 5 contracts physically completed within the past 3 years, will USACE please consider revising this requirement to increase the time period to 5 years and/or allow submittal of performance information (supported by SF2945) on active ID/IQ contracts?

Noted, no change.

86. **Section L, Volume I, Section III, Tab 1- Small Business Subcontracting Past Performance** Please clarify the references to the LB firm POC who "administers the plan internally", and the "individual responsible for the administration of the plan" with their addresses, etc. How do you distinguish between the responsibilities of these two individuals?

USACE is looking for the Government Agency that administered the plan (i.e. who is monitoring the contractor's compliance with the plan-what agency is administering the contract), the Firm where the subcontracting plan is being administered (especially necessary if this is a Joint Venture), and the individual who is responsible for administering the subcontracting plan to make sure they meet the Subcontracting Plan Goals.

87. **Section L, Volume I, Section III, Tab 1- Small Business Subcontracting Past Performance**—Please clarify whether there will be Veteran-owned SB goal in addition to the Service Disabled Veteran Goal which is defined by the FAR as a subset of the Veteran-owned SB goal.

No.

88. **Section L, Volume I, Section III, Tab 2 – Proposed Subcontracting Opportunities (Large Business Only)** states the goal established for HBCU/MI is 15%. This seems to be an extremely ambitious goal for this category. Please verify that this is correct. Also, if an HBCU goal is required, will it apply to all project work or just to non-construction (i.e., a/e services) work?

The 15% goal is correct.

89. **Section L, Volume II, Section II, Tab 2-Proposal for Sample Problem & Assumptions** - Paragraph b states that “the offeror shall provide backup material for their costs proposed (i.e., the team subcontractor(s) or other subcontractors cost proposal(s), quotes for rental equipment from at least three (3) sources, etc.).” Is it really the Government’s intent that the offeror go through the process of soliciting actual quotations from subcontractors and suppliers for this fictitious project, or is it intended that the offeror create realistic backup documentation that is similar to what would be created for an actual assignment?

See amendment.

90. What is the proposed start date of the contract?

As soon as practicable.

91. Section L, Paragraph 16, Volume I, Section I, Tab 1, Summary of Previous Experience; Section M, Paragraph 8.1.1 and 8.2.1; and Section B, Paragraph 3— We understand that Rapid Response has historically involved cost reimbursement contracting; however, Section B, Paragraph 3 states that the contract awarded will include both cost-reimbursable and firm-fixed price features. Therefore, would you consider amending the solicitation to include firm-fixed price contracting experience as evaluation criteria in Section M for both Paragraphs 8.1.1 and 8.2.1, particularly considering that FFP contracting is higher risk and requires much more attention from a cost/schedule perspective? **Noted, no change.**

92. Do chemical and/or geotechnical laboratories need to be named in the proposal?

No.

93. Especially for 8a firms, recent and complete are opposites in describing projects. Emergency/rapid response contracts are typically multi-year contracts. Can projects which are substantially complete be used?

See amendment.

94. For a relevant rapid response ID/IQ contract our experience would be best represented by a description of all the completed assignments. The nature of these contracts is that you receive several assignments, each of which may represent different components of the total scope of services provided under the contract. Can we use all completed assignments on a single contract as a project?

No.

95. The table in paragraph 16.3 of section L (page L-17) does not agree with the text on page L-27 which describes the contents of Volume II Section II Tabs 1&2. Which is correct?

See amendment.

96. On Tables 1 and 2 (pages 3-6) in Section B the total in the estimated hours column is incorrect, should we show the correct total?

See amendment.

97. Being that this is an 8a procurement and 8a firms do not have small business subcontracting goals, is it relevant to have the table of small business goals on the Previous Experience Form (page J-12).

See amendment.

98. Are there definitions/minimum requirements available for labor categories specified on Tables 1 and 2 (pages 3-6) in Section B but not discussed in Section C?

No.

99. What is the difference between a CADD Specialist and a Draftsperson?

A CADD Specialist usually does GIS and may have more computer skills, draftsperson usually does general construction type design, construction layouts, and data layouts.

100. The number of hours listed for Operations Manager in Table 1 Section B seems to indicate that more than one full time equivalent will be required, however, Sections C & L imply that there is only one Operations Manager required for the contract, please clarify.

Hours are estimations only.

101. The requirement to furnish rates for a 2 year base period and a single 3 year option period seems to be disadvantageous to the government, can we supply separate rates for each year?

See amendment.

102. PRICING - It is our understanding that there will be two sets of rates, one for the two year base period and one for the three year option. Q. Is this correct?

No. See amendment.



103. The Regulatory Specialist/Transportation and Disposal Coordinator position is described in Sections C and L as though the function can be performed by a single individual, but the table in section B provides for separate rates. Are we to treat this role as one position or two?

It is the choice of the offeror whether to treat this role as one position or two.

104. Volume I regarding written narratives of past projects. Q. Should narratives be located in Section I, Tab 1 or Section II, Tab 1?

The Owner/Client Past Performance Survey goes in Volume I, Section II, Tab 1.

The Previous Experience Form goes in Volume I, Section I, Tab 1.

The Project Narrative description should be included in the Previous Experience Form.

105. Volume I regarding project forms (Past Experience and/or Owner Surveys). Q. Should these forms be located in Section I, Tab 1 or Section II, Tab 1?

The Owner/Client Past Performance Survey goes in Volume I, Section II, Tab 1.

The Previous Experience Form goes in Volume I, Section I, Tab 1.

The Project Narrative description should be included in the Previous Experience Form.

106. VOLUME I, SECTION III, Tab 1 - SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING PAST PERFORMANCE (Large business only). - ...submit their subcontracting compliance on previous projects ... along with the annual percentages reached on each project...Q. Are annual percentages really needed, or will the data from the finalSF294 for each physically complete contract suffice? e.g. are 10+ years of data needed for CLEAN?

Reference Section L – Volume I, Section III, Tab 1. “This Requirement may be supported by using copies of the U.S. Government Standard Form 294, filled out completely”.

107. Will the source Selection Board be comprised of subject matter experts from the Division staff ?

This question can not be answered. The make-up of the SSEB is not public information.

108. Does the COE anticipate any classified tasking under this contract? 1-If so, what sort of personnel and facility clearances are required ? 2-Will security clearances be needed prior to contract award ? 3-We may want feature a classified project. Do you have any guidance ?

1-See Section H, Paragraph 5 and 20. 2-Security Clearances are not required prior to contract award. 3-SSEB members may not have security clearances, therefore they could not review a classified project.

109. What were / are typical Tasks issued over the last three years?

See slide presentation during pre-proposal conference.

110. Section C-5 describes a typical RR project Work Plan. Is there a typical Immediate Response (IR) work plan ?

The work plan will be formulated in the Contract Management Procedure after contract award.

111. Section B: Features a table estimating hours by Discipline. Is this from past experience? Is so do you expect it will be the same considering you have added OCONUS locations and the Homeland Security clients ? Will 79,000 hours be a good ballpark figure?

No, this is just an estimate for evaluation purposes.

112. The RFP mentions 3 "report card" meetings and lessons learned. Will Omaha share any lessons learned and discuss or provide copies of any metrics for the report cards ?

These meeting would be held with the successful contractor(s) after award.

113. Will you consider adding language which may cover unspecified professional services for Design, CM, Logistics etc.? Given the possible use of this contract to support Homeland Security efforts or DOD and Other Federal agencies "war on terrorism" adding this language may make the contract more useful in a contingency or secure environment?

No, only "incidental" design work is permitted since the selection does not use FAR 36 A/E Selection Process.

114. Regarding possible RR/IR at HTRW sites. Our current experience indicates there is not sufficient insurance available in the commercial market to cover the potential risks and liabilities associated with such effort or, if it is available, it excludes many of the major risks involved or the premium cost is not commercially reasonable. Government Contracts for similar work have included provisions that have provided Government hold harmless and indemnification, including the application of P.L. 85-804. The potential effect on the financial viability of a contractor undertaking the tasks contemplated by the solicited work could be catastrophic if adequate risk mitigation, insurance and indemnification provisions are not in place. Does the Omaha District intend to include such coverage in its Solicitation?

Noted, no change.

115. Pg. L-17 Table 1 - Proposal Format "Maximum Page Limit per Section" states 20 pages maximum for Tab 2 - Proposal for Sample Problem & Assumptions. But,... The attachment for the sample problem on pg. J-20, "L Proposed Technical Approach to Problem Resolution " states 15 pages or less for the scenario. **Please clarify the correct limit for this tab.**

See Amendment 0001

116. Pg. L-28 Volume II-Section II, Tab 2 - Proposal for Sample Problem & Assumptions, b, states, "Other cost categories such as cost escalation, supervision, and administration, engineering during construction, and Government Laboratory Quality Assurance will also be Included in the estimate, as appropriate, to form a total project cost for the remedial action. " **This Is not normally included in this type of contract Please clarify the listed cost categories and advise where these costs are to be included and where can we find the numbers for the Government's cost.**

[See Amendment 0002](#)

117. **Section L, Section 153 Format, Table 1, Page L-14.** Is there flexibility in moving page count from one section to the other? In particular, can firms use the 30 pages to answer the entire Tab 2 section and not be restricted to 15 for Tab 2 and 15 for the subsections?

[No. Page limits are restricted by Section and Tab](#)

118. **Section L, Proposal Instructions, 15.2, Page Limitation, Page L-13.**  
Are the pages to be consecutively numbered in each volume or consecutively numbered between the two volumes 1 and 11?

[See Question #21.](#)

119. **Section L, Proposal Instructions, 15.2, Page Limitation, Page 1-13.** The requirement of using 10 or 12 characters per inch and a 12 point proportional font are two different types of measurement A 10 or 12 characters per inch meets an 11 point Times New Roman text font which is a different font size than a 12 point proportional font. Are we to assume we can use an 11 point Times New Roman font for text which meets the 10 or 12 characters per inch requirement?

[See Amendment 0002](#)

120. **Section L, Volume I, Section I, Tab 1, Previous Experience,** Do we have flexibility in laying out the previous experience form, ie: paper size, moving headings around etc. as long as all items are addressed?

[See Question #6.](#)

121. **Section L, Volume I, Section I, Tab 1, Page L-15, Previous Experience.**  
For Firms to cover the entire scope of work and show team member's experience seven projects appears to limit our ability to answer this section. Would the USACE consider adding the number of projects required or allow us to include a three page introduction into the section?

[Noted. No Change](#)

122. **Section L, Volume I, Section I, Tab 2.** Is the current and pending contracts required for the prime or prime and team members as this would be an extensive list. Additionally are we to assume this list should only include relevant, similar contracts and not all contracts currently held? Further is pending defined as those contracts awarded for work that has not been initiated or all proposals that have been submitted and not awarded?

[See Amendment 0002](#)

123. **Section C, 6.4, Operations Manager Qualification, Section L, Volume I, Section I, Tab 3, Page L-18 and L-19, Operations Manager.** The requirement for the Operations Manager requires five years of program management experience, BS degree, and five years of HTRW experience. Would the USAGE consider an additional experience substitution for the BS degree?

[No](#)

124. **Section L, Volume I, Section I, Tab 3, Pages L-17 to L-23, Key Technical Personnel, B, Key Technical Personnel.** Under the instructions of resumes for key technical personnel there is no mention of some of the positions that are further qualified later in the section. Are resumes required for these positions ie, Project Managers, Site Safety and Health Officer, Senior UXO Supervisor, UXO Quality Control Specialist, UXO Safety Officer and UXO Technicians IIs. If they are required, how many resumes for each position are we to submit?

[See Amendment 0001](#)

125. **Section L, Volume I, Section I, Tab 3, Pages L-22 and L-23, Personnel Qualifications for 11) UXO Quality Control Specialist and 12) UXO Safety Officer.** Do the letters of intent that are required for these positions count in the page count?

[Yes](#)

126. **Section L, Volume II, Section n, Past Performance,** Do we have flexibility in laying out the form as long as all itecr^eaders on the form are addressed as requested?

[See Question Number 3](#)

127. **Section L, Volume n, Section H, Tab 1, Page L-26 and L-27 and Attachment J-20, Sample Problem:** There appears to be two sets of instructions for sample problem preparation in Section J and Section L. Which set of instructions are we to follow?

[See Amendment 0001](#)

128. **Attachment J-20, Page J-21, Sample Problem Pricing Proposal:** Under the pricing proposal instructions in Attachment J, it states that the 20 page cost estimate is excluded from the page count which contradicts what is listed in Section L, Page L-14, Table 1, Proposal Format which shows 20 pages as part of the 122 total page count. Which is correct?

[See Number 18](#)

129. **Section L, Volume n, Section II, Tab 1, Page L-26 and L-27, Sample Problem.** Section L does not identify a set of instructions for completion of the sample problem. Are we to follow the instructions in Attachment J-20?

[See Amendment 0001](#)

130. **Section n, Volume n, Section II, Tab 2, Sample Problem.** Does the USACE want to see a minimum of three quotations as backup for subcontracted services, materials and equipment or can we use internal cost estimating data? If the USAGE requires the quotation data, can it be excluded from the page count as it would be excessive pages?

[See Amendment 0001](#)

131. Volume I, Section I, Tab 1 (Summary of Previous Experience) which requests 10 example projects states that "examples should provide a wide range of Federal, private, and US ACE executed projects". The evaluation criterion for the section states that the Government places a higher value on "completion of federally funded projects" and "ability to execute federal work". It appears there is a potential conflict between the instructions and the evaluation criterion regarding the treatment of private projects. Please clarify.

[The text currently reads "Examples should provide a range of Federal, Private, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers executed projects"](#)

[See Amendment 0002](#)

132. The Amendment and answers to questions clearly indicate that the 20 pages specified for Volume I, Section II, Tab 1 (Past Performance Project Narrative with Points of Contact) are designated for the Owner/Client Past Performance Surveys submitted directly to US ACE by our clients (10 projects each with a 2 page form). However, the instructions also state that we must provide notification/information on termination for default within the last three years, even if it's only a statement that there were none. Since this will not be contained within the Surveys which take up the entire 20 pages, the inclusion of the statement will put us over the page count. We suggest you exclude the information on termination for default from the page count.

[See Amendment 0002](#)

133. Volume I, Section I, Tab 2 (Organizational Structure of the Submitting firm or Proposed Team) contains paragraphs (a) and (b). Is the last paragraph in that instruction section which requests "historic background, current and pending contracts, etc.) applicable to paragraph (a) or paragraph (b)?

[a and b, whichever is applicable](#)

134. In order to demonstrate the experience of our team we are presenting projects from our team subcontractors, is there any evaluation penalty associated with this?

[See Section M, Evaluation Criteria – Phase I](#)

135. Is the sample task a real site, which might be awarded under the resulting contract?

[No.](#)

136. In scope of work or in Section L & M, you are not asking to demonstrate or perform UXO work. Then why are you asking labor hourly rates in Table 1 & 2 in Section C prices? Please clarify the question.

[If this question is in reference to R-0021 – Section 8a, UXO is not required.](#)

[See Amendment 0002](#)

137. Further, Table 1 does not have category "Laborer" whereas Table 2 does have that category. Is that a mistake?

[See Amendment 0002](#)

138. In Volume I, Section II, Tab 1 Page L-25 second last paragraph, you are asking to include information on any projects where contractor right is terminated for default. In fact, this section has 10 page limitation and we are going to provide you Survey Forms here (2 pages per survey for 5 projects), where are we supposed to put this type of information requested?

[See Question 32](#)

139. The forms to be filled in in Section A and B have been provided in Adobe. Is it possible to have them provided in Word and Excel?

[No](#)

140. The proposal starts off with the project forms. Will you allow a 2 page executive summary or transmittal letter in addition to the requested pages?

[No](#)

141. In Page L21, you request certain technical resumes on a chart, specifically, Accounting, procurement, contract admin officials, HSO, and Chemistry regulatory officials. Are these the only ones you want, or should project managers, and other technical people be included.

[At a minimum, include Key Personnel](#)

142. The forms to be filled in in Section A and B have been provided in Adobe. Is it possible to have them provided in Word and Excel?

[No](#)

143. In **RFP Table 1 in Section B** (Page 3 of 6), the government has listed 7,201 labor hours for the Operations Manager position for a 2-year base period – the equivalent of almost 2 full-time positions. Is this an error? Similarly, Table 2 in Section B (page 5 of 6) list 8,645 hours for the same position for a 3-year option period.

[All hours are estimates only](#)

144. **RFP Section L, Item 9, 52.222-46** (Page L-9) "*Evaluation of Compensation for Professional Employees*" requests submission of a total compensation plan, however, we can find no further reference to this plan in the remainder of Section L or in Section M of the RFP. Is this plan still a requirement of the proposal? Where should it be included? Is it part of the page counted material? How it will be evaluated?

[Excluded from page count – See Amendment 0001](#)

145. **RFP Section L, Item 14, 15-237-10** (Page L-13) "*Identification of Uncompensated Overtime*" requests in (e) that the offeror include a copy of its policy addressing uncompensated overtime with its proposal. Please clarify where in the proposal this response is to be included. Is it part of the page counted material?

[See Amendment 0001](#)

146. **RFP Section L, Volume II, Section II, Tab 1, Item b** (Page L-27) "*Cost Reimbursement Task Orders*" requests provision of information required in Section B and Section L. Could USACE please specify what is to be included at this tab. We understand that Volume II, Section I, Tab 3 includes audit information.

[See Amendment 0001](#)

147. **Section J, Attachment 6** (Page J-12) "*Previous Experience Form*" asks for **"% of work (\$) prime contractor on all total tier 2 subcontracts, purchase orders, and other direct costs including indirect rates."** Could USACE please clarify what information is required for a complete and compliant response to this item?

[See Amendment 0002](#)

148. **Section J, Attachment 6** (Page J-12) "*Previous Experience Form*" includes a section for Small Business goals and actual. Is this necessary/required where the offeror is itself a small business?

[See Amendment 0001](#)

149. **Volume I, Section L, Part 16, Subsection I, Tab 1** - We believe the time frame for projects should be expanded from 3 years to 5 years for small businesses to ensure contractors are able to cover the broad Scope of Work (SOW) for specialized immediate/rapid response services. Would Omaha consider expanding the time period from 3 years to 5 years?

[Noted. No Change](#)

150. **In Section L, Part 16, subsection I, Tab 1** - the government states, "The Government has provided a sample Past Performance Form as provided in Section J of this solicitation for usage by the offerer." Is it acceptable for offerers to provide **all** the information requested in the sample form in a different order and format?

[See Question 3](#)

151. **In Section L, Part 15.3** - Omaha has provided maximum page limits by section. Are these limits by Section firm limits or can section page limits be modified slightly as long as the total page limit is not exceeded?

[See Question 117](#)

152. **Section J, Attachment 6, Previous Experience Form (pages J-12 and J-13)** - The 7<sup>th</sup> item from the top on the Previous Experience Form ask about the offerer's primary roles and duties, then the 7<sup>th</sup> item from the top on the next page (J-13) ask that if a teaming or joint venture was used to describe the offerers role on the project. These two items seem largely redundant. Would Omaha consider deleting one of the two items or explain the difference in what they are expecting to see in the responses to these two questions.

[These items deal with two separate issues.](#)

- [1\) Describe the Offeror's Primary Role/Duties](#)
- [2\) If teaming or Joint Venture was used, describe offerors role in the project](#)

[Each needs to be addressed separately, if applicable](#)

153. **Section L, Past Performance Project Narrative With Points of Contact(pages L-23 and L-24), item B and item C** - Item B states :the page count for the Owner/Client Past Performance Survey Forms will be counted as part of the contractor's proposal pages." The Owner/Client Past Performance Survey Forms (Section J, Attachment 7) which go to the clients are two pages each, which for the 7 required projects uses up the entire 14 pages allotted for the section. However, this section also requires the offerer to provide at least one point of contact with the customer (item B) and item C states "the offeror shall also provide notification and information concerning any projects where its right to proceed was terminated for default during the last three (3) years, or so state that there were none./address." Additionally, item C states "A significant achievement, unexplained or unresolved problem, or lack of relevant data may



significantly significantly impact the risk rating by the government." With the entire 14 pages be devoted to the 7 Owner/Client Past Performance Survey Forms going to our clients where are we to provide this information?

[See Amendment 0002](#)

154. **Section M, Paragraph 8, Evaluation Criteria** - Part of the sentence appears to be missing. "The Government will evaluate the information submitted in accordance with **Section of** the RFP and the Source Selection Plan. The Government will use the criteria evaluation system established in Section M of the Source Selection Plan." Please clarify the Section of the RFP that the proposal will be evaluated in accordance with.

[This should read "in accordance with Section L of the RFP" See Amendment 0002](#)

155. **Section L, 16. VOLUME CONTENT; Volume I, Section I, Tab 3 – PERSONNEL; RESUMES OF KEY PERSONNEL FOR THIS CONTRACT.** The requirement for Resumes of Key Personnel appears to have been revised in Amendment1. Please confirm that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Omaha District is not requesting resumes for Site Health and Safety Officer (SSHO) as Key Personnel as noted in the original solicitation. (R-0022)

[That is correct](#)

156. **Section L, 16. VOLUME CONTENT; Volume I, Section I, Tab 2e.** This section is titled "Construction Management", yet the information requested relates to the Rapid Response Operations Management office and the integration of key project management functions, support facilities, etc. (presumably Contract Management). Please clarify. (R-0022)

[We utilized the terminology of "Construction Management" versus yours of "Contract Management", the Government considers them one in the same.](#)

157. **Volume I, Section L, Section 15.2, Proposal Instructions, Page I-13., Amendment One.** The modified requirement of one inch margins coupled with a large font size, has significantly restricted the amount of text to a page, particularly on one page resumes. Would the USACE consider either using .75 margins with .5 header/footer and 12 point font or one inch margins, .5 header/footer and 11 point type which meets the 10 or 12 pitch requirement? (R-0022)

[See Amendment 0002](#)

158. **Volume I, Section L, Tab 1, Previous Experience.** The RFP SOW requirements demonstrating company experience for both the SB and LB is the same except for LB's international experience. The SB requirement for submitting only seven projects makes it difficult to demonstrate our entire experience across all scope of work areas defined in Section C and show team experience and breadth and depth. Would the USACE consider adding one or two projects for the SB so we can adequately address all the company experience requirements? (R-0022)

[Noted. No Change](#)

159. **Volume I, Section II, Tab 1, Past Performance Narrative with Points of Contact.**

a. The Section L requirements state that contractors are to utilize the same or similar format to the Past Performance Survey Form in Section J and include a narrative and point of contact. Additionally, under instructions in **Section 1, Tab 1**, it suggests that we include our past performance information in the proposal in case one or more of the owner/client(s) does not respond with past performance in a timely manner. During the pre-proposal conference, the USACE indicated that they only wanted points of contact and no other information provided in this tab. What is the correct set of instructions for this section? (R-0022)

[See Amendment 0002](#)

b. If we are to provide only blank form pages with the POC designated, can we add page count to the past experience section for introduction and include one or two additional projects? (R-0022)

[No](#)

160. **Volume I, Section 1, Tab 2C, Proposal Accounting/Procurement/Contract Administration Program, Item 3.** Would you define what you mean by policies and procedures for inventory? Are you referring to supplies and materials at a job site, in a company's warehouse or government owned property? Please clarify. (R-0022)

[We are referring to supplies and materials at a job site.](#)

161. On the new Table B, under the column "Estimated number of Hours Annually", we note that the Operations Manager is estimated 3,600 hours. Does this designation represent the "Operations Manager" as a **function** or a **one person working overtime**?

[These hours are for estimating purposes only.](#)

[See Amendment 0002](#)

162. In Section H. 20, the RFP says that all Contractor employees working under this contract who will require access to Automated Information Systems (AIS) shall, at a minimum, be designated in an ADP-III position (non-sensitive). Will security clearance be required for personnel using non-government computers (i.e. Contractor-owned computers)? Please clarify.

[No, unless information is downloaded into a Government computer.](#)

163. The amendment restructured Section B, Tables 1 and 2. Other than in the sample task, is there any other location where we should specify our multiplier calculations or indirect rates?

[See Amendment 0002](#)

164. Will you make available a list of tasks under the last Rapid Response contract?

[See Section C of the solicitation](#)

165. **Volume I, Section II, Tab I – Past Performance Project Narrative with POCs –**

a. Asked to provide notification and information regarding projects where Right to Proceed has terminated for default during the last 3 years or so stat that there were none. With the 2 page Past Performance write-ups x 10 page formula provided - - there is not space allocated for this response, such as an introductory section. Where would you like this statement to be provided?

[See Amendment 0002](#)

b. To confirm, in Proposal, after Tab for Past Performance, nothing is to be included as this section is completely comprised of Owner/Survey Forms which will be sent directly to Omaha?

[See Amendment 0002](#)

166. Proposal Format – Amendment – includes margins for proposal as 1" margins. Is it permissible for header & footer text to be placed within the 1" margin?

[See Amendment 0002](#)

167. In Section J, List of Attachments, Previous Experience Form, what is being requested on the following question "% of work and (\$) prime contractor on all subcontracts, purchase orders, and direct costs including indirect rates? (R-0021)

[See Amendment 0002](#)

168. Pg, L-28 Volume II – Section II, Tab 2 – Proposal for Sample Problem & Assumptions, b. states, "Other cost categories such a cost escalation, supervision, and administration, engineering during construction, and Government Laboratory Quality Assurance will also be included in the estimate, as appropriate, to form a total project cost for remedial action". *This is not normally included in this type of contract. Please clarify the listed cost categories and advise where these costs are to be included and where can we find the numbers for the Government's cost.* (R-0021)

[See Amendment 0002](#)

169. Pg. L-16, item (d) states, "List of tables/figures, volume number, section and date submitted shall appear in the bottom right corner of each page...." *How can a list of figures appear in the bottom right corner of each page? Is it meant to be separated. Please confirm.* (R-0021)

[See Amendment 0002 – Also refer to Question 22](#)

170. As a result of Amendment 1 issued by USACE, **Section B Table 1 and Table 2** now requests pricing for a SUXOS, UXO Techs, and UXO Safety and Quality personnel. Since UXO is not part of the scope of the 8(a) solicitation, should we assume that is an error and that we should not supply these rates? If so, will this be correct by amendment? (R-0021)

[See Amendment 0002](#)